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## Deacon's Mass

The 1st Sunday in Advent  
Sunday Nov. 28, 2021

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM  
Office Hours: 8:10am until 2:30pm Mon., Wed. & Thu.

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## DEACON'S MASS

Announcements

The Prelude

*Meditation on Gabriel's Message*

Basque Carol arr. Lasky

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Introit:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 56 v 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God Appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Gathering Hymn

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes*

Hymn 72

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

***People:* His mercy endures forever.**

Collect for Purity

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Trisagion

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

### The Response: Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \***  
**for you are the God of my salvation;**  
**in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \***  
**remember me according to your love**  
**and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 **He guides the humble in doing right \***  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

### **The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

*O Day of God Draw Nigh*

Hymn 601

### **The Gospel**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People:* **Glory to you Lord Christ**

### **Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed

down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us lift our hands in prayer, and raise our heads in hope, to the Lord, who is our righteousness, saying: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, Liz, our Deacon and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that in the face of distress and anxiety, we may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For this Parish Family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may be attentive to God's presence and action in our lives, so that we may be ready to act when God invites. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all God's people, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all who live in fear and confusion, that whether rich or poor, unknown or famous, they may encounter the light of Christ that will show them the way to a fuller life. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all those in any anguish of body, mind, and spirit, remembering especially, . . . . . , (pause) that the disciples of Jesus may strengthen them with words of hope and deeds of love. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . . , that they may be found blameless before God at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Andrew the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* Holy and righteous God, hear the prayers we offer this day, and raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing near: the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all his saints. Glory to you, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACREMENT**

*The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

The Offertory                      *My Lord, what a morning*                      LEVAS 13  
The Doxology:              *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*                      Hymn 380, v3  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Communion

*All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.*

The Hymn during Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Parting Hymn

*Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*

Hymn 410

The Postlude

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

African-American spiritual arr. Wagner

**Our Ministers Today:**

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski, Deacon

Organist: Joyce Printz

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: John Warriner